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Addendum

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Chapter ___

DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND MIGRATION STATISTICS

(Agenda item 11 (b))

1. The Commission considered item 11 (b) of its agenda at its 484th meeting, on 11 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on demographic, social and migration statistics (E/CN.3/1997/15 and Add.1 and 2);

(b) Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its eighteenth session (E/CN.3/1997/19, paras. 42 and 43);

(c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its twenty-ninth session (E/CN.3/1997/20, para. 23);

(d) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirtieth session (E/CN.3/1997/21, para. 4);

(e) "Draft revised recommendations on statistics of international migration" (Provisional ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/58/Rev.1).

Action taken by the Commission

2. The Commission:

(a) Adopted the draft revised recommendations on statistics of international migration (Provisional ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/58/Rev.1);

(b) Agreed that the following revisions should be incorporated:

(i) The word "dwelling" will not be used in defining "country of usual residence". As the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland suggested, "a place" will be used instead;

(ii) A lower time limit of three months will be added to the definition of short-term migrant;

(iii) The gathering of information on occupation, industry, status in employment and educational attainment will be made optional;

(iv) The date used in tabulating data on asylum-seekers will be the date on which the application for asylum was filed;

(v) Discussion of the use of censuses to gather information on stocks and the exchange of such information between sending and receiving countries will be strengthened;

(vi) Two footnotes will be added to table 1 on the taxonomy of international inflows and outflows. The first footnote will accompany the table heading and will read: "The categories presented in this table should in no way be construed as providing a definition of international migrant. The taxonomy presented in this table is to serve as an analytical tool for the discussion of the different data collection systems yielding information on international migration flows. The relevant definitions of long-term and short-term international migrants are presented in box 1". The second footnote will be added to category 13 of table 1: "This category encompasses the movement of European Union citizens between States members of the European Union";

(vii) In tables 3 to 7, the dependants and domestic employees of international civil servants will be divided into different categories;

(viii) A glossary of key terms will be added.